NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

PRICE

Outside St. Louis, Two Cents. On Trains, Three Cents.

COUNTESS SPOTTISWOOD-MACKIN DISPLAYS TO ST. LOUIS FRIENDS DECORATIONS FROM POPE.



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She has been in America, visiting relatives and engaged in the continuance of her there are founding of Roman Catholic of Roman Catholic Countess, being the first ons of the order of the Sacred Hear among the Italians, for several months, and has been received with ovations by the faithful in every city she has visited. MADE DEBUT IN ST. LOUIS

WHEN FATHER WAS MAYOR. "Sally" Britton, Counters Spottiswood-Mackin, is the elder daughter of James H. Britton, once Mayor of St. Louis. She made her debut during her father's administra-tion, and at once assumed duties as the so-cial head of his household, and, in short, of city, since her mother, Mrs. Britton, a woman of quiet tastes, with no desire

to mirgie in the gay world. On General Grant's visit she received with

LEADING TOPICS JUSTICE DAY AT DEATH'S DOOR.

American woman to be so honored In addition to this title, she has been decorated no less than seven times, the Pope presenting her with the order "Pro Beclesia et Pontifice," after the publication of her book entitled, "From Rome to of her book entitled, "From Rome t Lourdes," which was dedicated by permis

sion to His Hollness. A volume entitled "A Society Woman on Two Continents," was her first publication. Another decognition came to her from the Pope through the Very Reverend Mother General Madame Cabrini of the Sacred Heart Order in Paris, for establishing mis-sions of the order in the French capital. This is one of great intrinsic value and

GAIN HER ADDITIONAL DECORATIONS A third decoration is the order of the Holy Sepulchre, asked for her by the Nunciature of Paris, for her charities done in that city among the poor. From the officers of the Legion of Honor she received the red cross "Femmes de France" for her offices and charities among the widows and orphans. The first-grade decoration of London the "Homeletender" also her Lourdes, the "Hospitaloaries," is also hers, earned after three years' hard work among the pilgrims who go each season to the shrine at Lourdes. She was especially dec-orated by the Society of the Officers of the Legion of Honor for her charitable works and the president of this society has asked for her from the French Government the the Palms, or the "Office d'Academie."

Another decoration of which the Countes

Another decoration of which the Countess is extremely proud is the badge of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She belongs to the New York Chapter, and is also a Colonial Dame. At the recent D. A. R. convention, held in Washington, she was especially honored, being the guest of the president general at each session in the latter's box.

The status of the bill was much changed this flank movement. The Republicans and their few Democratic allies imagined last night that school text-book legislation had been effectually killed in the House They rejoiced greatly over the discomfiture of the State administration, Speaker White cotton and those who favor legislation or

salaries of the Jackson County Judges. This was the first bill which the Filipinos

Airship, Subsidized by Brazil, to

Be Named "Santa Cruz."

BE NAMED SHILE AFTEZ.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK
HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC
Paris, March 12. (Copyright, 1903.)—At the
establishment of M. Louis Godard, near the
Pont de Saint-Ouen, work will soon be begun on a new airship, to be known as the
Santa Cruz, designed by Senor Jose de Patrocinio, to whom the Brazilian Government
has accorded a subsidy for this purpose.

The new airship will be 150 feet long, 70
feet wide and 30 feet high. Its capacity will
be 3,900 cubic meters, and, all dimensions
considered, it will be the largest "dirigible"
ever built.

Want Help

Your ad for Help, or for a Situation, in The Republic will be read all over St. Louis and the Great Southwest. And it will bring the right kind of ADSWCTS.

TEXT-BOOK BILL IS ORDERED ENGROSSED

Speaker Whitecotton Exercises His Authority During Confusion in the House.

FILIPINOS ARE OUTWITTED.

Presiding Officer of House Says Things Have Been Done There That Call for the Use of Hemp.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.- In his adsound dear, Spraker Whitecotton to-day reated a sensation when he said:

"Now that we are free of this burden, what are we to dof I have been member of this House four conseculive times and I say deliberately that things have been done in these halls that deserve hemp. We can never be free until some of these men are driven from these halls-by votes, if we can, but other means if necessary. Two voices are calling you; one from the dismal swamps of corruption, the other from justice and human glory; two ways are open to you—one leads to ingratitude and treason, the place where manhood shrivels and rots down, and the other to the mountain tops of honest manhood and the blessings it brings,"

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.—Speaker Whitecotton exercised his authority in the House this forenoon when he declared the Davidson school text-book law ordered to engrossment, and, amid deafening uproar by the Republicans, adjourned the House at 11:30 on his own authority until to-morrow morning.

The morning session of the House opened with much disorder, and this increased until adjournment. Members tramped over the hall in groups, and talked with friends whom they had invited within the railing-The lobby was crowded and noisy, The gallery was packed with ladies, many of them visitors to the city to witness the bond-celebration ceremonies. Pages and messenger boys played tag through the halls, while the crators, inspired by the presence of the ladies, were on their feet constantly clamoring for recognition.

Speaker Whitecotton opened the session, but soon surrendered the gavel to Speaker pro tem. Duncan. By nearly wearing out a small pile-driver mallet, Mr. Duncan managed to put through a little business, after which the Speaker returned to the chair, FILIPINOS OUTWITTED. lery was packed with ladies, many of them

FILIPINOS OUTWITTED.

It was at this point that Mr. Long of McDonaid secured recognition and moved that the vote by which the Davidson school text-book bill was refused engrossment yesterday evening be reconsidered. Only the friends of this measure knew what was going on, for the confusion was so great that those within ten feet of the Speaker's stand did not understand the motion. But the Speaker knew. He put the motion and declared it carried. lared it carried

to engrossment followed. By this time a few Republicans became aware of what was happening and, while they were all shouting at once their disapproval and manding a roll call, the Speaker declared the motion to engross carried, and a min ute later adjourned the House on his own

An incident of this unusual legislative proceeding was the fact that fully half the Republicans were so bustly engaged in mak ing a noise and condemning the Democrats over the bond celebration that they did not know until after the House had adjourned what had happened. They presumed that as the noise was so great as to render the transaction of business impossible, the Speaker had availed himself of the authority given him by the rules and adjourned

THREATS OF RETALIATION. To-night the Filipinos and Republicans are pushing their fight against the regular Democrats by preparing affidavits setting forth that demands for roll-calls were mad and ignored by the Speaker. These will be presented in the morning, when an effort will be made to correct the Journal. There will probably be a fight on this issue. This afternoon there was some talk of

reorganization of the House, but no one seriously considered it. As a retallatory measure, Hauck of Ste. Genevieve circulated a petition asking the Governor to veto the bill increasing the

LARGEST DIRIGIBLE BALLOON.

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The Republic of today contains the following ads for "Help": Housework, 74 | Barbers ---- 26 Boys...... 35 Trades....... 53

Cooks 12 Miscellaneous . . . 140

CZAR DECREES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO HIS SUBJECTS.

Establishes a Degree of Local Self-Government and Announces Plans for Abolishment of Enforced Labor System and for Improving the Condition of the Peasantry-Calls on His Ministers and Officials to Help Him in His Work of Reform.

HISTORY - MAKING STEP ON BIRTHDAY OF ALEXANDER III.



CZAR NICOLAS II OF RUSSIA,
nmemorates the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander III by granting religious liberty and a measure of local self-government to his people.

and making other concessions to the village | • ship to all his subjects. committees.

decessors, particularly his father, to add to the welfare of the Russian people, the Czar announces his decision to grant freedom of religion to all his subjects who profess nonorthodox creeds, and to improve the conditions of village life and those of the local nobility and peasantry.

for the attainment of these ends is reform of the rural laws, which is to be effected with the advice of persons who possess the

rious Government districts is to be examined by representatives of the different localities concerned, with the view of effect ing the necessary amendments.

Measures are also to be taken to relieve the peasantry of the burdens of forced

PUBLIC HAILS DECREE

AS OPENING A NEW ERA. The decree, which was issued in com memoration of the anniversary of the birthtay of Alexander III, is considered to be the most significant act of state since the emancipation of the serfs. hails it as the proclamation of a new era. opening up bright prospects of the early im

"On ascending the throne of our ancestors by the Providence of God, we made colemn vow before the Almighty and our conscience to sacredly guard the centuries old pillars of Russian power and to dedi cate our life to the service of our beloved Fatherland in indefatigable solicitude for our subjects. We chose, in order to assure the well-being of our people, the way indicated by the memorable deeds of our predecessors, especially our never-to-be-forgotten father. God_pleased to interrupt the deeds of our father by his early death and thus laid on us the sacred duty of completing the consolidation of order and truth begins by him in conformity with the existence. gun by him in conformity with the exigen cles of national life. WILL SATISFY NEEDS FOR

"The troubles agitating our country which, to our deep regret, have partly beer sown by designs hostile to the state and partly engendered by doctrines foreign to Russian life, hinder the general work of ameliorating the well-being of our people. These troubles confuse the public mind, remove the people from productive labor, and often ruin families dear to our heart and young energies among high and low necessary to the internal development of the

6 CHILDREN AND WIFE

End His Own Life Near Bellefontaine, Mo.

LINES HIS VICTIMS IN A ROW.

Brother Who Finds the Slayer Unconscious.

BABY DEAD IN ITS CRADLE

Neighbors Attribute Man's Action to Insanity Following a Long Illness-Krus Is Wealthy and Well Connected.

August Krus, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Bellefontaine, Mo., about twentyone miles west of St. Louis, mamacred his entire family, consisting of a wife and six children, yesterday afternoon between 5 and

He then attempted to kill himself with the hammer, but was still alive, though un-conscious, when discovered by his brother. From the extent of the self-inflicted wound it is not believed Krus can live.

The crime was committed last night, beween 5 and 6 o'clock. The dead bodies of

The discovery was made by John Krus, a brother of the murderer, who resides with his family on an adjoining farm. Goroner Kech of Clayton was notified of the affair last night and he hastened to the

crus farm to make an investigation.

Krus had been ill for several years, so his other says, and for several months part had been acting strangely.

He had never been heard to make a .

threat against any of the members of his family, however, and his act of yesterday was a great shock to his relatives, all of whom reside in the neighborhood.

edroom shortly after 6 o'clock the sight which met his eye was most ghantly, made more so by the position of the bodies, which were lying in a row, on if laid out inten-

tionally The clothing of Mrs. Krus and her children were covered with blood, and the walls and floor of the bedroom were besnattered with the life fluid. The room had the ap-

pearance of a slaughter-house. DEAD CHILDREN RESIDE

Mrs. Krus was lying across the bed neat the foot, and her children, with the exception of the babe, were stretched alonesta of her according to their ages, the eldest next to the mother, and so on down to the youngest. The babe was lying in its cradle, where

t must have been when the frenzied father dealt the death blow. The infant's head was smashed out of recognition, and its note that it did not move after it was struck. In fact, it is believed that the habe was sleeping when the father, in his mad rare, crept upon it and killed it with the hammer.

hammer.

After viewing the place for a moment
John Krus hurried to the home of Postmaster Fred Andre and notified him. The
latter called Coroner Koch of Clayton and
that official immediately set out for the

Belief that the grewsome crime was com-mitted some time between the hours of 8 and 6 is based upon the fact that John Krus saw his brother a few minutes before 5, at which time he had a talk with him. The latter was feeling despondent, but men-tioned nothing to convey the impression that he was contemplating the crime.

not known that he even warned his family

Mrs. Krus is said to have been a model

OLDEST OF THE CHILDREN

WAS ONLY 12 YEARS.

her father at the big reception and ball **NO IMPROVEMENT** IN FLOOD SITUATION

Mississippi Continues to Rise and a Record-Breaking Stage Is Still Looked For.

MORE ENGINEERS SENT OUT.

Break in the Levee Below Wolf's Island Is Reported-Much Country Covered by Water.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Memphis, Tenn., March 12.-The river tonight is 35.8 feet and rising, an advance of only .2 since 12 o'clock last night. But despite this rise the situation is considered quite as grave as it has been at any time thus far, and a stage of 35 or 39 feet is still

The Government and Levee Board en gineers are very reticent and will say nothing, except that all levees are holding, and that they are hopeful of the overflow sub-siding without serious breaks in the em-bankment. Captain Lucas, United States Engineer, in charge of the First and Second districts. has gone to Helena to inspect the levees in the White River district. The Government steamer Mercury has been dis-patched to this district for patrol duty. Engineer Pharr of the St. Francis Leves District to-day sent out several as-sistant engineers to points along the levees in Arkansas where their presence seems

The situation at Caruthersville is unchanged, so far as dispatches from that point indicate. A private telegram from Caruthersville to-night says that the embankments will hold three feet more of water, and that the levees below the city where the recent threatening caving of the

The gauge at Memphis was swept away by driftwood to-day shortly after noon, but it was immediately replaced by the officials of the Weather Bureau. The United States Engineers predicted a serious enlargement of the sandbar before the city wharf by the present rise. This bar has long since been a menace to the Memphis harbor and has gradually encronched upon the wharf until half of it has been rendered worthless.

MEAK IN LEVEE REPORTED. Waters Lay Waste Much Land Below Wolf Island. LIC SPECIAL.

March 12.—The river is still

beauty—a rure cameo bearing the Pope's head in bas relief, surmounted by a coronet

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS-MAY WHEAT 6968% BID; MAY CORN 40% ASKED. CHICAGO-MAY WHEAT 74%

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:18 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:08

Democrats Win Decisive Victory.

3. Missouri Legislature.

Republicans Made Convention Brief. Business Men Plan Visit to Delegates. Union Bank Robbers Arraigned. Son's Marriage Follows Parents' Silver

World's Fair News.

East Side News. Banquet Assuming Huge Proportions. Real World Power Is Public Opinion.

Society Happenings. Democrats Support Miller. Five Alleged Whitecaps Indicted

Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations. 11. Rooms For Rent Ads.

12. Summary of St. Louis Markets. Grain Prices Break. 13. Lighting Issues Strong.

Again Failed to Confirm Crum. Divorced and Married in an Hour.

rising at Cairo, and at 10 o'clock to-night

the gauge marked 50.1 feet. It is now pre-dicted that the Cairo gauge will reach at least 51 feet. A break is reported in the levee below Wolf Island, and the waters are now laying much additional territory. The Bird's Point country is entirely covered, and the village is practically deserted. The Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt railroads have refused to receive perishable freight.

The Mississippi River above Cairo has

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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

The BID; MAY CORN 474947%c ASKED.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. For Missouri-Fair Friday and Sat-

Alfred Batson Convicted of Murder.

Attorneys Willing to Produce Letters. Wires From Church Steeple. 4. Democratic Nominees of High Standing.

5. Race Results and Entries. General Sporting News.

8. Editorial.

Bible Has No Place in Public Schools Republic "Want" Ads.

New York Stock Markets. 4. Vest Thanks Senate for Commendat

New Member of Supreme Court

Has Pneumonia. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, March 12.—William R. Day former Secretary of State in McKinley's Cabinet, and now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is ly ing at death's door to-night, and it is feared that, if there is not a speedy change for

the better, he will not recover. Judge Day was taken ill on Monday night with what was supposed to be the influence. He grew worse rapidly, and his sickness has developed into pneumonia. His wife was with him, and two of his sons were summoned, reaching here last night.



WILLIAM R. DAY.

ask for a consultation, and Doctor W. R. Osler of Baltimore was sent for.

At one time to-day Justice Day's temperature was 106, but it later fell to 101.

Althouch he is a hard worker, Justice Day has not a very strong constitution. He is 54 years old. He is making his home at the Arlington Hotel, and the house has been overrum with callers, who came for the purpose of making inquiries.

Senator Hanna, who also makes his home at the hotel, has been in attendance near the sick room all day, and is very much concerned for the welfare of his old friend. Judge Day ascended the Supreme Bench only two weeks aso.

GUSTAVUS C. EGGERS DEAD.

Funeral Will Take Place To-Morrow Morning From Residence. Gustavus C. Eggers, for many years a resident of this city, died at his home. No. 6661 Horton place, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Eggers, his widow, and five sons—Henry J., Gus C., Jr., John E., Edward L. and Walter H. Eggers—survive.
The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the family residence to-morrow morning at 5 o'clock. St. Petersburg, March 12.—The Czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, establishing to some degree local self-government.

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Will permit the orthodox clergy to take a larger share in intellectual and public life. After referring to the efforts of his pre- take a larger share in intellects · public life.

Plans measures to release peasants . from burdensome liability of en-Among the measures outlined by the Czar

confidence of the people.

The system of administration in the vaclais to submit their views for the carrying out of his scheme of reform.

WHICH STATE IS NOW RIPE.

"In demanding the fulfillment of this, our will, while remaining strongly opposed to any violation of the normal course of nawill loyally discharge their local duties, we are irrevocably decided to satisfy the needs for which the State has become ripe and have deemed it expedient to strengthen and decree the undeviating observance of the principles of tolerance laid down by the fundamental laws of the Russian E which, recognizing the orthodox church as the ruling one, to grant to all of our sub jects of other religion and to all foreign persuasions freedom of creed and worship in accordance with other rites, and we are rying out of measures for the improvemen of the material position of the orthodor rule clergy, while enabling them to take a larger share in intellectual and public life "In accordance with impending measures for the consolidation of the national economy, the efforts of the state credit insti-tutions, and especially the nobles and 'peas-ants,' banks should be directed to strength-

ening and developing the welfare and fun-damental pillars of Russian village life and that of the local nobility and peasantry. "These principles, marked out by us for the revision of the laws of the rural popu-

WELFARE OF HIS PEOPLE. Decrees freedom of creed and wor-

public life.

Directs financial institutions to aid in bettering the conditions of local opensantry and nobility.

Orders reform of provincial governments and district administrations.

SUES FOR \$10,000 FOR LOSS OF VOICE

Suit of Mrs. Lola A. Meir, Music Teacher, Against Transit Com-

pany Now Being Tried.

SAYS SHE IS UNABLE TO SING.

Defense Introduces Expert Testimony to Prove That Her Vocal Organs Are

Unimpaired.

Mrs. Lola A. Meir, a music teacher, is asking the St. Louis Transit Company to pay her \$10,000 damages for injuries which have resulted, she says, in the loss of he roice as a singer.

The case was on trial yesterday before

special jury in Judge Rough's court, and was not finished when court adjourned. Mrs. Meir lives at No. 2019 North Thir Mrs. Meir lives at No. 2019 North Thirteenth street. She alleges that on October 1, 1902, she was a passenger on a car of the Broadway division, and started to alight at Soulard street. While she was on the running-board the conductor gave the motorman the goahead signal, and she was thrown to the street. She received severe in gries to her spine, head and limbs, which, she says, will be permanent.

be permanent.

The most serious injury, she says, was the impairment of her vocal organs by reason of the shock. Although she is able to converse in an ordinary tone of voice, she declares that she is unable to sing as she did before the accident.

As she depended for her livelihood, in

great measure, upon teaching vocal music, she is deprived of one of her chief sources of income. Her left hand was also seriously injured, preventing its free use in playing the plane and other musical instruments she states. Doctor H. W. Loeb, a throat specialist, was called by the defense, venterday, as an expert to determine to what extent Mrn. Moir's voice had been impaired by the ac-

cident.

Doctor Loeb, said that, in his opinion, Mrs. Meier's singing voice was as good foday as it had been before the accident. Habased this opinion on the testimony of Mrs. Meir and from hearing her talk. Ha said that a person who could talk in the ordinary conversational tone of Mrs. Meir should have no difficulty in singing in the natural tone.

matural tone.

Mrs. Meir says she is a graduate of the Birmingham Conservatory of Music of England, where she was born. In addition to her other accomplishments she was a whistier of note, and appeared at many public and private entertainments in England and this country. Since the accident she has been unable to whistie or sing. The declares.

August Krus Also Seeks to

Bloody Deed to Dissevered by a

6 o'clock, using a rock-hammer, as a

Mrs. Krus and her children were found lying in a row, with the exception of the baby's body, which was still in the cradle, in a locked bedroom. Krus was on his hands and knees on the floor, his head in a drooping position, covered with wounds which is supposed to have inflicted with the

LONG ILLNESS AFFECTED

BUTCHERED MOTHER ON RED.

little body was in such a position as to de-

Belief that the grewsome crime was com-

LEFT NO EXPLANATION OF TERRIBLE DEED. No note of any kind was left behind by the murderer explaining his deed, and it is

Mrs. Krus is said to have been a model wife.

That a quarrel might have preceded the killing is scouted by relatives of Krus on the ground that the babe was included among the victims of the husband's wrath. Financial trouble had nothing to do with the crime, as Krus had plenty of money; in fact, he was reputed to be wealthy.

Temporary insanity, brought on by ill health, is believed by Krus's relatives, to have been responsible for the deed.

News of the massacre spread rapidly, and in a few minutes after John Krus notified Postmaster Andre citizens of Bellefontaine and surrounding towns were excited.

The Kruses are well known in that part of St. Louis County, and when it was learned that the entire family of August Krus was wiped out, persons hurried to the

Krus is about 38 years old, and his wife was about the same age. The eldest of the six children was 12.

Krus's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Krus, who live on an adjoining farm, were prostrated with grief over the tragedy. Both are wealthy and well-known residents of the district lying south of Belle-foretains.

residents of the district lying south of Bellefontaine.

After striking himself with the hammer
Krus had evidently fallen to his hands and
knees, as he was in that position when his
brother found him.

He had probably, waited several minutes
after killing his family before turning the
weapon upon himself, as the position of the
bodies showed that he had taken time to
arrange them in a row.

Nothing could have been more coldblooded, say the residents of Bellefontaine,
than this action of Krus's of laying out
the bodies of his wife and children who had
been killed by his own hand.

They declare that none but a crassed mind
could have done such a thing.

Bellefontaine is twenty-one miles west of
Bt. Leuis on the Olive street rought